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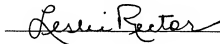
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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a) and 1.10**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sirs:

This is in reply to the Office Action electronically sent on 02-03-2011 ("the Office Action"). This Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 is being submitted with the express intention of placing all claims in condition for allowance. It is hoped that the claim amendments herein conjunction with the Remarks below will show the Examiner that all pending claims are, in fact, allowable and should be immediately passed to issue.

This Amendment includes a request for a concurrent two (2)-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action and authorization to deduct payment of the associated fee (large entity) from Deposit Account 23-2053. Intervening weekend and the July 4, 2011 Holiday make this Amendment timely filed on 7/5/2011.

**Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.